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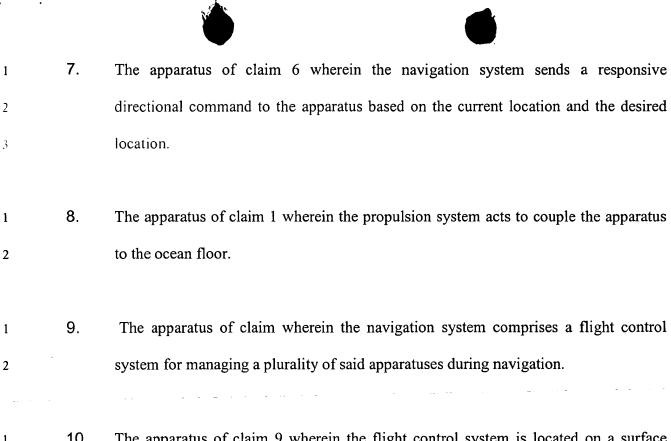
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- a hydrodynamically efficient shaped body containing a seismic device;
- a propulsion unit located on said body; and
- a control unit for directional control of said propulsion unit.
  - 2. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
- a navigation unit for directing the control unit to a desired location on the ocean bottom.
  - 3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said seismic device comprises a seismic sensor.
  - 4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said apparatus further comprises a storage device for storing seismic data sensed by said seismic sensor.
  - 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said control unit receives navigation commands from a navigation system.
  - 6. The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the control unit communicates an identifier code to the navigation system enabling the navigation system to determine location of the apparatus.



10. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the flight control system is located on a surface support vessel.

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A method for deploying a seismometer comprising the steps for:

placing a hydrodynamically efficient shaped body containing a seismic device into a fluid such as seawater above an ocean bottom;

energizing a propulsion unit located on said body to propel the seismometer through the fluid, and

receiving a command in propulsion unit from a control unit for directional control of said propulsion unit.

12. The method of claim 11 further comprising the step for:

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coupling the body to the ocean floor via said propulsion system.

The method of claim 11 further comprising the step for:

receiving a command from a navigation system for directing the control unit

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- 19. The method of claim 11 further comprising the step for:
- 2 controlling the flight path for a plurality of bodies.
- The method of claim 19 wherein the flight control system is located on a surface
- 2 support vessel.